



## **Minutes HISTORY MUSEUM AND LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

**Minutes of the HISTORY MUSEUM AND LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD recorded at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, within the Tempe Public Library Second Floor Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jennifer Wagner (Chair)  
Virginia (Ginny) Sylvester (Vice-Chair)  
James (Jim) Schoenwetter  
John Linda  
Mary O'Grady  
Johnny Tse (arrived at 5:48)

**(MEMBERS) Not Present:**

David Huizingh  
Ann Lynn DiDomenico

**City Staff Present:**

Barbara Roberts, Deputy Community Services Director, Library & Cultural Services Division  
Brenda Abney, Museum Manager, Library and Cultural Services Division  
Carlos E. Bejarano Jr., Library Specialist, Library

**General Public Present:**

Anne Chandler, Liaison for the Tempe Historical Society  
Toni Garvey, Consultant, Providence Associates, LLC

**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order:**

- Chair Jennifer Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 - Call to the Audience:**

- None.

**Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the May 6, 2015 History Museum and Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Document - ACTION**

MOTION: James (Jim) Schoenwetter moved to approve the May 6, 2015 History Museum and Library Advisory Board Meeting minutes with the inclusion of the word 'in' to the fourth item of the Library Report.

SECOND: John Linda seconded.

DECISION: May 6, 2015 History Museum and Library Advisory Board Meeting minutes document approved as amended.

**Agenda Item 4 – Friends of the Tempe Public Library Report:**

- None

**Agenda Item 5 – Tempe Historical Society Report:**

- Anne Chandler reported to the Board:
  - The Tempe Historical Society's annual meeting was held in May.
  - The Tempe Historical Society's budget was approved at the annual meeting.
  - The Tempe Historical Society gained some new members.
  - The Tempe Historical Society received a \$500.00 donation.

**Agenda Item 6 – Staff Reports:**

- Library Report – Barbara Roberts reported to the Board:
  - Library and Information Technology (IT) staff attended presentations by four radio frequency identification (RFID) vendors: mk Solutions Inc., Bibliotheca, 3M Library Systems, and D-Tech International USA.
  - The RFID vendors brought equipment to demonstrate and answered questions.
  - Sherry Warren, the Library's Youth Services Supervisor retires on Friday, June 12, 2015.
  - Second interviews for the Library's Youth Services Supervisor position were held on June 2, 2015.
  - A record 1,500 people attended the Summer Reading Program kickoff on May 30, 2015.
- Museum Report – Brenda Abney reported to the Board:
  - 300 applicants applied for the Museum's vacant full-time administrative assistant position.
  - 22 internal candidates were selected to be interviewed for the position.
  - The Museum is working with the Community Action Agency on a display for the organization's 50 year anniversary.
  - The Museum will recruit an intern to work for the Museum and on the Community Action Agency project.
  - The Rio Salado Foundation is partnering with the Museum to create an exhibit for the Eisendrath House opening in November.
  - Brenda Abney talked to the Historic Preservation Foundation about developing a docent program for the Museum and the historic properties managed by the Museum.
  - City Talk with Mayor Mitchell is a new program at the Museum on June 9, 2015 at 7:30 AM.
  - The Museum has been working with a writer on a book about the history of Tempe and will be a co-author.
  - Summer program volunteer orientation for 16 teen volunteers took place recently.
  - The Jam Pak Blues 'N' Grass Neighborhood Band will kick off the Museum's summer programming next week on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.
  - The Museum is working with the African American Advisory Committee and the City of Tempe Diversity Office on the City of Tempe's Juneteenth festival to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM.

**Agenda Item 7 – Museum Collections Committee recommendations - ACTION**

- Brenda Abney reported to the Board:
  - The Tempe History Museum Collections Committee did not meet in May so there were no recommended acquisitions for the board to consider this month.
  - A handout detailing new provisional deposits and new loans was provided.
  - John Bueker has been very involved with the Legend City exhibit and will be billed as a co-curator.

**Agenda Item 8 – Advisory Board Focus Group Meeting with Toni Garvey, Providence Associates LLC - DISCUSSION**

- Barbara Roberts introduced Toni Garvey to the Board.
  - Toni Garvey was formerly the director of the Phoenix Public Library and Library Journal's 2004 Librarian of the Year.
  - Toni Garvey has contracted with the Library to coordinate and conduct focus groups of targeted populations around the city as well as one town hall event to gather public input on the Library's strategic plan.
  - Toni Garvey explained the process to the Board: five focus groups and a large town hall meeting will be held for public input.
  - Toni Garvey then conducted a focus group with the Board to gather their input.

**Agenda Item 9 – Board Members' Announcements:**

- Johnny Tse has taken a new job and may need to step down from the Board. He will make a decision and let Barbara Roberts know.

**Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment:**

- Chair Jennifer Wagner adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.

The next meeting date and location of the History Museum and Library Advisory Board is Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the Tempe History Museum Board room.

Prepared by: Carlos E. Bejarano Jr.  
Reviewed by: Brenda Abney, and Barbara Roberts